

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenoir Craven Jones Drainage District #1 has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: Lenoir Craven Jones Drainage District #1

Project Title: 76740 - Lenoir, Craven, Jones Drainage District; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-00878

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Date of Construction
Lenoir, Craven, Jones Drainage District	38 miles of canal from Mosley Creek to Tracey Swamp (including Mosley Creek, Snake Hole Branch, Little Snake Hole Branch, Harrys Branch, Folley Branch, Gum Swamp, and Tracey Swamp) See Attached Maps	1963

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the removal of debris and repair of streambank for drainage canals in Lenoir, Craven, and Jones County Drainage District. Work will be performed in shaded and unshaded X, AE, and AE Floodway zones. Confirmation of location within the flood zone was determined by the Lenoir, Craven, and Jones County Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Panel Numbers: 3720454200K, dated 6/19/2020; 3720456200J, dated 7/2/2004; 3720456400L, dated 6/19/2020; 3720456600K, dated 4/16/2013; 3720455400L, dated 6/19/2020; and 3720455600J, dated 7/02/2004. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the flood zone. The proposed work will take place in Riverine and Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland habitat, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory but should not have any negative effect on wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Lenoir Craven Jones Drainage District #1 plans to remove debris from drainage canals and repair 38 miles of streambank by reusing and replacing displaced riprap and replacing 237,277.78 square yards (SY) of ditch bank embankment fill. Bioengineering will be added to the streambank, including coir matting and native seeding, in order to mitigate future embankment erosion. Culverts sizes and materials will be upgraded to increase resiliency. The purpose of this project is to repair and improve damaged canal components and restore stormwater drainage functionality with increased resiliency.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Lenoir Craven Jones Drainage District #1. This alternative could result in a negative impact to the area by reducing the effectiveness of stormwater drainage.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): The proposed action restores system functionality to the canals to allow proper floodplain drainage to the surrounding areas.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-00878 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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Location Maps:

